

CHAPTER 227.

CHANGE OF VENUE.

AN ACT regulating changes of venue in criminal cases.

Cause for the change. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That no person shall be entitled to change of venue in any criminal case pending in the district courts of this State, where the ground of the application is the alleged excitement and prejudice of the people, unless the facts constituting such ground are sworn to by three disinterested persons in addition to the applicant himself.

May allege. SEC. 2. The application need not set up a statement of the facts upon which the affiants base their belief of excitement and prejudice, but may allege the same in general terms.

Testimony. The court may, in the exercise of a sound discretion, hear additional testimony from either the defendants or the State, by affidavit or otherwise, and after being fully advised, shall decide the application according to the very right of the matter.

Exceptions. SEC. 3. The court shall, if the defendant demand it in case his application be over-ruled, grant a bill of exception to defendant, which bill shall embrace all the evidence produced before the court, on hearing of such application.

SEC. 4. All acts and parts of acts coming in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. This act to be in force from and after its publication according to law.

Approved January 29, 1857.

CHAPTER 228.

COUNTY JUDGES.

AN ACT further defining the duties of county judges.

Transmit the names of officers. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the county judges of the several coun-